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Patient Choice and Consent: Operational Protocols

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Introduction

- ▶ Patients may be concerned about the confidentiality and security of their health information contained in a HIE.

Policy Questions

- ▶ What is the best way to inform patient choice regarding the risks and benefits of HIEs?
 - ▶ Should providers have to discuss HIEs with patients such that “meaningful choice” is obtained?
 - Or do “Notice of Privacy Practices” accompanied by informative website disclosures suffice?
 - ▶ Should all consents be written or can consent be obtained orally?
 - ▶ Once consent is validly obtained, is it valid for an unlimited duration of time?
 - Or can it be revoked after a certain amount of time?
 - ▶ If consent can be revoked how should providers reconcile conflicting patient consents?
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